

Smoke-Free Wisconsin

On July 5, 2010, Wisconsin will go smoke-free in all public workplaces, including bars, restaurants and arenas. Governor Jim Doyle signed this law into the legislation on May 18. Wisconsin will become the 27th smoke-free state!

Smoking is prohibited in the following places:

- State Capital and immediate vicinity
- Residence halls or colleges and universities
- Day care centers and outside of a day care center when children are present
- Educational facilities
- Correctional facilities (and on the grounds of juvenile correction facilities)
- State institutions (mental health, developmentally disabled persons)
- All restaurants and taverns
- All retail establishments
- All bowling centers
- All skating rinks
- Private clubs (any facility used by an organization that limits membership and is organized for recreational, social, political etc. purposes)
- Common areas of multi-unit residential properties
- Hotels, motels, bed & breakfasts, and tourist rooming houses
- All municipal buildings
- A reasonable distance from smoke-free places and entrances
- Sports Arenas of all kinds including Lambeau Field, Miller Park, gymnasiums, & swimming pools (whether or not they fit the definition of an enclosed space)
- Bus shelters, public transit
- Health and medical centers including hospitals, physician's offices, treatment centers
- Inpatient health care facilities (county home, nursing homes, hospice, veteran's home)
- Theaters
- All other enclosed places other than list above that are places of employment or public places

Local authorities (city, county, village, towns) may further restrict outside smoking on public properties such as parks, fairgrounds, and the like. Local authorities may not define the term reasonable distance or set any set number of feet as being a reasonable distance. Restaurants, taverns, private clubs, and retail establishments may designate an outside area a reasonable distance from any entrance where people can smoke.

Department of Justice is authorized to enforce the smoke-free law. An individual in violation of the law will be fined \$100 to \$250.

Public Place: any place open to the public or where the public may be invited

Enclosed Place: a structure or area that has a roof and more than two substantial walls
(Substantial meaning no more than 25% open air)

If anyone has questions related to this new law, feel free to contact the Evansville Police Department at 882-2299.

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